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Dear Mr. Smathers

On October 2 and October 18, 2013, you sent two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and the Office of the Secretary is responding on behalf of the Department of the Interior. Your request was received by the Department of the Interior on October 17 and 18, 2013. Each request was assigned a control number as follows:

OS-2014-00021

All legal opinions in October 2013 relating to the Honor Flights or access to the WWII Memorial during the Government shutdown.

OS-2014-00026

All congressional communication in September and October of 2013 referencing the possibility of a government shutdown or the actual shutdown occurring from Oct 1-16, 2013.

Please cite these numbers in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

We have classified your request as an "other-use request." As an "other-use requester" you are entitled to up to 2 hours of search time and 100 pages of photocopies before being charged for the processing of FOIA requests. As a matter of policy, however, the Department of the Interior does not bill requesters for FOIA fees incurred in processing requests when their fees do not exceed \$50.00, because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. (See 43 C.F.R. §2.39, 2.49(a)(1)).

You have asked for a waiver of all FOIA processing fees. Please be advised that we are in the process of determining whether or not your entitlements are sufficient to enable us to process your request, or if we will need to issue a formal determination on your request for a fee waiver.

You have asked for copies of agency records. According to our regulations, you may choose the format of disclosure for such records. Unless you specify otherwise, the Office of the Secretary will provide copies of responsive records on a CD-ROM disk as scanned PDF images when the responsive records exceed 50 pages.

Because we will need to consult with one or more bureaus of the Department in order to properly process your request, the Office of the Secretary FOIA office is taking a 10-workday extension under 43 C.F.R. §2.19. For the same reason, we are placing your request under the "Complex" processing track. See 43 C.F.R. §2.15.

In the interim, if you have any questions regarding the status of your request, or any of the issues discussed in this letter, you may contact Debra Zusin by phone at 202-513-0765, by fax at 202-219-2374, by e-mail at os_foia@ios.doi.gov or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-7328 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clarice Julka', written in a cursive style.

Clarice Julka
Office of the Secretary
FOIA Officer